

House Resolution 2233

By: Representatives Thomas of the 55th, Ashe of the 56th, Jones of the 44th, Marin of the 96th,
Holmes of the 61st, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Lynda Darnell Woodruff; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Lynda Darnell Woodruff has always been a champion for justice and
3 available and appropriate health care for all; and
- 4 WHEREAS, as a child she integrated the segregated Lynchburg, Virginia, school system and
5 as a result became passionate about equal rights for everyone; and
- 6 WHEREAS, she received her B.A. degree in 1969, earned her M.S. degree from Case
7 Western Reserve University in 1971, and was awarded her Ph.D. in 1984 by the College of
8 Education at Georgia State University; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she moved to Atlanta in 1978 to accept a position as assistant professor of
10 physical therapy at Georgia State University where she founded and directed the
11 award-winning program for minority student recruitment and retention; and
- 12 WHEREAS, in 1991, Dr. Woodruff was appointed full professor with tenure and founding
13 chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy at North Georgia College in Dahlonega,
14 where she served until 1996; and
- 15 WHEREAS, until December, 2005, she continued as a full professor at North Georgia
16 College and State University, where she authored more than ten grants and one funding in
17 excess of \$1 million to sustain operations and initiate creative outreach projects in the
18 community; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodruff received numerous awards and recognitions including the APTA
20 Lucy Blair Award, the Kellogg Fellowship for International Leadership, the Distinguished

1 Service Award for the Section on Clinical Electrophysiology, and fellow status in the
2 American Academy of Physical Therapy; and

3 WHEREAS, after receiving a gubernatorial appointment to the Georgia State Board of
4 Physical Therapy, she served for more than ten years and oversaw controversial legislation
5 to exclude unlicensed personnel from providing direct patient care; and

6 WHEREAS, her leadership, enthusiasm, and passion for her profession is most reflected in
7 the organizations of which she is a founding member, including the Foundation for Physical
8 Therapy, the American Academy of Physical Therapy, the Georgia Student Physical Therapy
9 Organization, the North American Association of Laser Therapy, the Physical Therapy
10 Learning Institute, and the American Congress on Electroneuromyography; and

11 WHEREAS, since 1979, she has worked to build partnerships between Brazilian and United
12 States physical therapy institutions, implementing exchange programs for more than 20
13 faculty and 12 student interns; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodruff's accomplishments over the course of her phenomenal career are
15 too extensive to enumerate, and it is only fitting and proper this body acknowledge the
16 outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Lynda Darnell Woodruff for her
19 dynamic career and for her willingness to blaze new trails.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Lynda Darnell
22 Woodruff.